

Min-y-Don

CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CENTRE

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Information for Youth Groups

Located on the southern edge of the Snowdonia National Park on the shores of the Mawddach Estuary and set against the spectacular backdrop of the Cadair Mountain Range, Min-y-Don provides a unique setting for residential outdoor activity breaks for youth groups.

The Centre stands in 13 acres of gardens and woodland and opened in 1961 as one of the first Christian outdoor centres. It can accommodate a maximum of 50 people, sleeping in multi-bed dormitories or twin rooms. A number of en-suite single and twin rooms are also available.

Our maximum number of places for any one group is 50 and our minimum number required for a booking to be made is 10.



Programme

Programmes and instruction for youth group holidays are organised by Centre Managers, Pete and Susie Cook, both of whom have years of experience in the worlds of teaching and outdoor pursuits.

Usually, Youth Groups book for a weekend but at May/June half-term and October half-term it is possible to bring your group away for a longer stay.

If you come for a weekend then you can either arrive in time for an evening meal at 6 or 6.30pm. If you are likely to arrive later than this then a buffet meal can be arranged for you to have when you arrive.

If there is time we aim to provide an activity on the Friday evening and, if your group wants us to provide the Christian input for your programme, an Epilogue as well.

The Saturday would usually be taken up with activities all day, an evening game and conclude with an Epilogue.

Sunday generally includes a short service followed by activities, lunch and then more activities if you have time.

Some groups prefer to organise their own Christian teaching sessions. In that case we will fit in the activities (and meals of course) around your desired time slots.

We aim to be flexible and each Youth Group programme can be different. We attempt to tailor the weekend to your exact requirements. Just phone or e-mail to discuss any details.

When booking please feel free to discuss with us any details regarding how we can make your stay at M-Y-D just right for you and your group.



Accommodation

Dormitories

Inside the main building, the dormitories have a mix of single beds and bunks. Most dorms have a shower and toilet, but all have washbasins and are situated close to bathrooms and showers.

Twin and single rooms

Twin and single rooms have a washbasin and are situated close to bathrooms and showers.

En-suite rooms

Usually reserved for Leaders. Bring your own bedding (sleeping bag/duvet) or we can provide you with duvet and sheets at an extra cost. Tea and coffee facilities provided.

Bedding and towels

Blankets, pillows and pillowcases are provided in all rooms. Please ensure everyone in your group brings their own bedding (sleeping bag/duvet) and towels.

Catering

We cater for vegetarians but it is not always possible to cater for other non-medical or specialist diets.

Activities

We have a great range of activities on-site and we charge no extra for taking part!

For most youth group holidays we operate a 'sign-up and turn-up' system, leaving you free to do as much or as little as you like! Ideal for Youth Leaders wanting an action packed week or weekend yet with plenty of time to relax with your group.

Some groups prefer to be organised into 'Activity Groups' and have a timetabled style of programme (as we do with schools) where each group visits each activity on a rotation basis. Just let us know when you book which style of activity programme you would prefer.

If you do decide to book you will receive, a letter of confirmation, which will include an information sheet for group leaders, an Activity Planner, Parental Consent Form (for under 18s with you), details of insurance, an accommodation plan, kit list and directions to Min-y-Don.



Activities include:

kayaking, canoeing,
rock climbing, abseiling,
archery, orienteering,
aerial runway, hill walks,
high & low ropes courses,
trail cycling,
treasure hunts,
team building games
and much more!



How to book

Contact us first to check availability, then a provisional booking can be made by phone, fax, email or letter giving details of; dates, numbers and type of accommodation preferred. This will be then be held for seven days before a deposit is required. (Bookings made within 21 days of the start of the visit will require a booking form and deposit by return of post.)



Send your completed booking form (enclosed) with your deposit of £35 per person (£25 for weekends or visits of less than 4 nights). The balance of fees is then payable on arrival. (With some group bookings the balance is required one month before arrival.)

Your booking becomes a confirmed booking once the form and deposit are acknowledged by us in writing. We will also send you any additional information you require at this stage.

Cheques should be made payable to 'Min-y-Don', in sterling and drawn on a UK clearing bank. Payment by non-British groups, including those from the Republic of Ireland, should be by bank draft in sterling. (Direct bank transfer from abroad incurs a small extra charge of £6)

We are, at present, unable to accept payment by credit/debit card. Payment needs to be made by either cheque, cash or online bank transfer.

Health & Safety

Health & Safety is first and foremost in our planning for any group here at Min-y-Don. We have AALS Approved Risk-Assessments & Activity Procedures that are supplied to schools for you to keep on record. Parents of children visiting Min-y-Don may view these at your school if requested.

Local Education Authorities require documentation of risk-assessment, procedures, instructor qualifications and insurance cover, Min-y-Don can provide your LEA with all this information on request.

Min-y-Don has continually been updated, modernised and extended and meets all safety, fire and health regulation requirements.

Min-y-Don Christian Adventure Centre is a Government Registered Activity Provider and is registered with The Adventure Licensing Service as licensed to provide specified activities under the following headings: Kayaking, Canoeing, Rock Climbing, Mountain Walking and Abseiling. Licence details can be confirmed by calling The Licensing Service on 02920 755715.



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